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1. SUMMARY: FRG ECONMIN OFFICIALS HAVE GIVEN FAIRLY
DETAILED REPLY TO NON-PAPER BASED ON REFTEL A. THEY
AGREED WITH US POSITION IN SUBSTANCE, BUT FELT
PROCEDURAL IDEAS WERE TOO RIGID. END SUMMARY.

2. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 2 (F) OF REFTEL A, ECONMIN
OFFICIALS AGREE THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF
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77 (E.G. EGYPT) HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION ASCRIBED TO
THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT, BUT THEY DOUBT WHETHER THE
SECRETARIAT ITSELF WILL TAKE SUCH A POSITION.

3. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 3 AND 4 OF REFTEL A ECONMIN
OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT WE FACE THE SAME PROBLEMS IN
DEALING WITH THIS QUESTION IN THE IMF/IBRD DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE WHICH WE FACE IN UNCTAD. IN FACT, THEY SUGGESTED THAT TRANSFERRING THE ITEM TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MIGHT LEAD TO FURTHER POLITICIZATION OF IMF/IBRD. OTHERWISE, THEY AGREE ENTIRELY WITH THE USG POSITION.

4. REGARDING PARA 5 OF REFTTEL A FRG OFFICIALS AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND EMPHATICALLY THAT THEY CAN NEVER ACCEPT A MANDATE TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT ON DEBT. FURTHERMORE, THEY RECOMMEND THAT ANY TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE EXPERTS MEETING BE CAREFULLY WORDED IN ORDER NOT TO PREJUDGE THE ISSUE.

5. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 6, ECONMIN OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THE US POSITION IS UNNECESSARILY TOUGH AND WILL ONLY CREATE BAD FEELINGS. IN FACT, THEY SUGGEST THAT THE SECOND MEETING ON DEBT, TO WHICH GROUP B HAS ALREADY AGREED, MIGHT BE USEFUL IN CLARIFYING THE ISSUES AND PREVENTING WASTE OF TIME AT THE TDB MINISTERIAL MEETING.

6. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 7 (A), FRG OFFICIALS AGREE THAT UNCTAD HAS NO MANDATE IN THE MONETARY FIELD, BUT THEY POINT OUT THAT UNCTAD HAS DEALT WITH DEBT AND OFFICIAL TRANSFERS SINCE ITS INCEPTION AND THAT AN EFFORT TO TURN OFF THESE SUBJECTS NOW WOULD

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PROBABLY FAIL. FRG FULLY AGREES WITH US POSITION ON PARA 7 (B) AND (C).
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